



Advisory Council Meeting
Southgate Community Center
12125 Pinecrest Rd, Reston, VA 20191

Minutes – September 14, 2021, Meeting (meeting held at 7:00pm via ZOOM)

Council Members Present:

Darlana Ricks, Jan Bradshaw, Gerald Padmore, Kelsey Myers, Andy Sigle, Carol Ann Bradley, Maryam Ovissi, Syazana Durani

Community and Staff Present:

Richard Cabellos, Christine Hodgson, Julie Tran, Brandi Horita, Gwenn Minton, Terrance Stroman

Guests: Gerald Zavala

2019-2021 Council GOALS

Progress Workplan including:

- i. Increase balance in Advisory Fund to enhance capability to support SGCC programming efforts
- ii. Have all Council members involved in a minimum of 15 hours of service at SGCC
- iii. Have all Council positions filled
- iv. Support SGCC staff to increase outreach and programming to our adult communities

Meeting Call to Order: Darlana Ricks at 7:05pm.

Tonight's Agenda: Reviewed and approved after motion and second by Jan Bradshaw and Carol Ann Bradley.

Past Meeting Minutes: Reviewed and approved after motion and second by Carol Ann Bradley and Jan Bradshaw.

Reston Police Department Report (Officer Brandi Horita):

New Captain at Reston Station -
New officers in training at Reston Station as well
Bike rodeo on Oct. 16 – bike unit will attend
Working on back-to-school concerns regarding kiss and ride areas at the schools
Drug Take Back Day on October 23 (partnering with Reston Hospital)
Doing foot patrols as well – new program called IPAC
Ricardo Cabellos requested that police have presence at Southgate given loitering and lighting challenges.

Treasurer's Report (Gerald Padmore): Final balance as of September 14 is \$7,378.51.

See Treasurer's report for detail.

Chairman's Report (Darlana Ricks):

Attended National Night Out with Jan Bradshaw – had the opportunity to meet with Supervisor Walter Alcorn and others
Has met with recently elected Council officers to strategize policy and process
Working on new Bylaws that are consistent with the County model bylaws template
Plan to get items for review to Council members via email in advance of meetings
Sent out a meeting calendar – will adhere with Bylaws that say that the Council meeting is to occur the first Tuesday of the month except in November when the meeting will occur on the second Tuesday due to Election Day on Nov. 9.



Calendar about Center activities will facilitate Council members volunteer work with the Center

Please do your homework assignments -

Correct contact information if needed

Sign the One Fairfax resolution policy

Thank you for your support

SGCC Director's Report (Ricardo Cabellos):

Ricardo Cabellos presented Director's report

See attached Director's report for detail

Question about who is responsible for inviting Supervisor Hudgins to Community Day

Ricardo will get in touch with Latishma Walters to find out whether this is an NCS responsibility or the Supervisor's office responsibility

Temporary banner for new Center name is in place and signage on road being changed

Ricardo invited the Center assistant directors and several people interested in being on the Council to attend tonight's meeting

Council members introduced themselves, as did the guests

Julie Tran, new assistant director, is getting actively involved

Ricardo announced his departure as of end of September for a new opportunity in Loudoun County

Christine Hodgson and Julie Tran will temporarily manage the Center until new Director is found

Council members congratulated Ricardo on his new position

Jan Bradshaw asked about the need for volunteers on Community Day

Jan volunteered to escort Supervisor Alcorn and Supervisor Hudgins on that day

Andy Sigle asked about whether new information about activities at the Center e.g. open gym hours, pickleball hours, etc., will be put on the Council website. Gerald confirmed that it would be updated.

Andy mentioned that he is working with RA and FCPD to put on another neighborhood cleanup to address litter in the area of the Center and at Dogwood Elementary School.

Cornerstones Report (Terance Stroman):

Terance Stroman expressed his congratulations to Ricardo

Had a great time at National Night Out – strong engagement, particularly at Crescent with 60 participants

Vaccine clinic for ages 12+ at Cedar Ridge this Sat., Sept. 18 from 11am to 3pm - can do second doses as well

Getting the word out about voting – next event on Oct 2 – will explain how to register, find their polling place, do an absentee ballot

Youth Symposium is on hold – will consider how to move forward next year

Opportunity Neighborhoods Director (Toni Francis-Bowie) has left Cornerstones and organization is now looking for someone for that role



Richardo asked about the availability of parking at Stonegate on October 16, Community Day. Terrance will reach out to the new Stonegate property manager about the parking request.

Reston Association (RA) Report (no representative present):

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Jan Bradshaw mentioned having the Pinecrest/Glade intersection improvements proposal and Pinecrest Greenway proposal incorporated in the Reston Comprehensive Plan revision

Darlena Ricks introduced the following new business items:

Have a vacancy on the Council and looking for potential candidates

Looking for mentors for the 2 youth Council members to assist them with their Council role

Establish a scholarship from donations for select youth who have been active at the Center

Motion made by Kelsey Meyers to move discussion on the scholarship to next meeting. Seconded by Jan Bradshaw and approved by Council

Jan Bradshaw asked if Gerald Zavala is still interested in being on the Council Process will be determined whether the opening is a Fairfax County or Reston Association position

Gerald Padmore suggested creating a new Facebook site with new Center name.

Motion made by Kelsey Meyers to have the executive team decide on creating a new Facebook page given logistical challenges associated with the name Southgate, approved by Council after second by Andy Sigle

Andy Sigle announced that at Dogwood Elementary School there will be a bike rodeo on October 16 and will do a bike ride over to the Community Day.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Kelsey Meyers and was seconded by Andy Sigle. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Friends of Southgate Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:27pm by Darlena Ricks.

Ricardo discussed tee shirts for Community Day. Looking for best price. Got a quote from several vendors. Wants to get the best quality at the best price.

Need sufficient number of tee shirts for staff, volunteers, select participants.

Andy Sigle moved to provide up to \$800 for tee shirts. Kelsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andy Sigle moved to adjourn the meeting. Jan Bradshaw seconded.